

Perley's Arts Integration



Perley Primary Fine Arts Academy is Making it Happen!



WE ARE part of the South Bend Community School Corporation, which is an urban district serving 18,680 students. Perley is a Title 1 school and currently has 206 students.

OUR STUDENTS & FAMILIES are composed of 59.2% Black, 19.9% White, 15% Multi Racial, and 5.8% Hispanic. The percentage of students on Free Lunch is 78.6%, with another 6.8% on Reduced Price Lunch.

OUR TEACHERS consist of 10 general classroom teachers and 4 fine arts teachers. All have received Professional Development with Arts Integration trainings and workshops.

OUR PROMISING PRACTICE

Perley's Arts Integration predominantly occurs during the Reading Block, and focuses on our school-wide Thematic Units and Essential Questions. Teachers constantly remark on how inspiring it is to observe the children's responses to the various arts. Staff members continually comment on how the arts capture the innocence and wonder of learning new things through a child's eyes. Through this inquiry-based approach to learning, Perley students are able to express themselves through various art mediums and enhance their understanding of academic standards.

OUR STEPS

Lessons are based on a co-teaching model and are planned by an arts specialist in conjunction with a classroom teacher. Throughout each unit of study, grade levels rotate weekly to enable students to experience all four of our Fine Arts content areas (Visual Art, Instrumental Music, Vocal Music/Theatre, and Physical Education/Movement). Since this curriculum began in 2014, teachers have reflected and adapted their craft to best meet the needs of our creative and accomplished children.

IN OUR OWN WORDS

- "There are moments in public education in which one feels beaten by the uncontrollable forces and then something remarkable happens... The amazing reaction of our students to quality integrated arts instruction."- Jill VanDriessche, *Principal*
- "I was so proud today of Hendrik and the Perley Foxes. He met a woman in Epcot's Land of Mexico and told her everything he knows about Day of the Dead. The woman was so impressed, she asked how he knew about this important celebration of her culture. He told her he learned it in his Art class at Perley Fine Arts Academy. There is no other school in the SBCSC like it!"- Pam Wilfing, *Parent*

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